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OUR LONDON LETTER.

QUICK-EYED, quiet, but masterful in manner, Brigadier-General Sir Evelyn Wood, K.C.B., V.C., looks like a leader of men one would readily follow anywhere. That was the impression this frank, modest officer gave me when I chanced to see him on Thursday se'nnight moving unpretentiously in and out the group of friends who had gathered on the platform of the Great Western Terminus at Paddington to bid farewell to Sir Evelyn and others bound for the Transvaal. Sir Evelyn Wood is of medium height. He has not the least bit of Horse Guards primness about him. In fact, he might as easily have been taken for a Naval Commander as a military officer of mark. The General gave a particularly cordial welcome to Mr. Melton Prior, once again starting for South Africa as Special Artist for the *Illustrated London News*. And when the Limited Mail glided out of the station, what a hearty, ringing, English cheer it was which greeted Sir Evelyn Wood and his companions, and bade them Godspeed! An amusing episode on board the Nubian in Plymouth Sound the following day, just as Sir Evelyn and his Staff were about to leave for the Cape, is genially told in the *Western Daily Mercury* of Saturday last. The passage in question, of especial interest to the subscribers to this journal, is quoted on another page as describing the first incident of a voyage in the safety of which every Englishman is concerned. By-the-way, why don't the members for Holland in the House of Commons—they are assuredly more Dutch than British in their sympathies—bestow a thought upon the murdered Captain Elliott and beleaguered Englishmen and Englishwomen in the Boer-surrounded forts in the Transvaal when they protest against the punishment Government are righteously about to inflict upon these Boers?

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The United Kingdom has been chilled by the severest frost and fall of snow we have had for many years. Mr. George T. Gwilliam, F.R.A.S., writes from Bayswater, to show in a nutshell that—

The cold on Saturday was intense, the mercury attaining only 23·2 deg., giving a mean of 16·4 deg. According to Mr. Glaisher's list, since 1838 there have been only two other days so cold—viz., Jan. 8, 1841, mean, 12·8 deg.; Jan. 4, 1867, mean, 13·2 deg. This proves the exceptional severity of the cold.

Whilst skaters rejoiced at the fine opportunity given them to skim over the ice, a goodly number of the general public were put to sore inconvenience by the frost, the discomfort culminating in the snow hurricane of Tuesday, which rendered walking in the streets well-nigh impracticable, which lashed the Thames into a tempest, and swept down much valuable property along the banks of the river. The floods that burst upon South London occasioned the most appreciable amount of direct misery. Plenty of scope here for M.P.'s, tired of Hibernian prolixity, to cross the water, and relieve the distress that abounds in Lambeth.

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Mr. John Pender, M.P., has suffered a grievous loss by the early death of his clever and amiable son, Henry Denison Pender, whose genial qualities and varied experience of the world, gathered by travels in many lands, would probably have won for him a high public position had he been spared. It seems but the other day I saw him, the embodiment of a manly young Englishman, just returned from a cruise with Captain Seth Smith as the foremost prize-winner of that smart and gallant band, the Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers. During the voyage he had proved himself an efficient seaman; and he leaves a souvenir of that cruise, full of melancholy interest to his bereaved relatives, a budget of photographs taken by himself of various ports he visited. Before Christmas, he accompanied his father on a sea trip to Constantinople. Returning home, he had the misfortune to stay awhile at Rome. There he caught typhoid fever; and is to be numbered among the many victims laid low by the scandalously imperfect sanitary arrangements of the "Holy City"—save the mark! I once heard the late Mr. Henry Denison Pender—he was but twenty-eight when he died—deliver a most entertaining lecture, illustrated by dissolving views, upon the island of Cyprus; and well remember the quaint, quiet touches of humour with which he invested what might have been a rather dry subject. Unaffected, courteous, an English gentleman in the best sense of the term, young Mr. Pender was one whose premature demise has created a painful void in the ranks of the educated few who must one day be called upon to serve the State when our honoured Leaders of the present day have passed away. Yet has the large gathering of sincere mourners round his grave in a Kentish churchyard this week borne eloquent testimony to the fact that even his brief life of usefulness and pleasure-*giving* yielded fragrant memories to a wide circle.

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News in a Nutshell.

THE ABSENT COURT.

DID Duty not point to London as the proper centre for the Court whilst Parliament is sitting, Her Majesty would find many to share her partiality for the Isle of Wight at this frosty season of the year.

As it is, the Court newsmonger recounts the familiar story, that the Queen is still at Osborne. Quite an Imperial tone has been given to the society which assembles at the Queen's abode in "the Wight." Thus we read that on Saturday, "her Majesty walked this morning with the Empress Eugénie and Princess Beatrice;" whilst on Sunday it was stated that "the Empress Eugénie dined with the Queen and the Royal family yesterday. Mademoiselle Louise Rouher and the Duc de Bassano, in attendance on the Empress, had the honour of being invited."

Her Majesty, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Prince Leopold, and the members of the Royal household attended Divine service at Osborne on Sunday morning. The Rev. Arthur Peile, M.A., Vicar of Holy Trinity, Ventnor, officiated. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Beatrice skated on Monday.

The wedding present which the Queen intends to make to the Austrian Crown Prince and his bride (*when* they are married) will consist, it is said, of—*not* an Indian shawl this time, but—a magnificent embossed silver service, with epergnes of the most splendid and costly description.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales left Normanton on Saturday last for Burghley House, on a short visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Exeter. On passing through Stamford their Royal Highnesses were presented with an address from the inhabitants. They returned in the evening to Sandringham. The Prince of Wales left Sandringham on Monday morning, and proceeded by the midday up train for London, the Princess of Wales and the young Princesses remaining at Sandringham. The ornamental waters in the park were frozen, and afforded skating to the Royal family.

Mr. Gladstone, though still suffering from a cold, was present last Saturday at the Cabinet Council held in Downing-street. In the evening the Prime Minister entertained his friends at dinner.

Lord Lyttelton has received from the Crown, on the recommendation of the Premier, the appointment of Commissioner under the Enclosure Acts. The appointment is understood to be worth £1500 a year.

The Home Secretary is said to have offered Mr Broadhurst, M.P., the office of Inspector of Factories; but the hon. member, after due consideration, has declined the appointment. Mr. Broadhurst will, we have no doubt, do far more service for the People in the Commons than out of the House.

At the annual meeting of the Miners' National Union, held in Manchester on Saturday, Mr. A. Macdonald, M.P., was re-elected president; Mr. Pickard, vice-president; Mr. Crawford, secretary; and Mr. Nixon, treasurer. This magnificent organisation of working men offers to Irishmen the model of what their Land League should be.

At Wigan, on Saturday, Mr. John Lancaster and Mr. F. S. Powell were nominated for the vacancy caused in the Parliamentary representation of the borough by the elevation of Lord Lindsay to the Upper House.

The majority of the members of the Irish Land Commission have agreed to their report, which embodies the adoption of fixity of tenure, fair rents and peasant proprietary.

Mr. John Bright, in acknowledging a letter sent to him by a Carnarvonshire farmer on the relations between landlord and tenant, says:—

The whole conditions of agriculture in this country are unfavourable for the farmer and for the public. Misfortunes may change them, as they may force the farmers to say something and to exert themselves. I have preached to farmers for nearly forty years with but little result. American competition may speak to them and to our landlord class with more effect. I hope better days are in store for the better class of farmers, "when the calamities are overpast."

What is Joseph Arch doing that English agricultural labourers are not raising the standard of Land Reform? This grave question is as ripe for solution in England as it is in Ireland. A hint to the Liberal M.P.'s left out in the cold by the Liberal Premier whose colleagues they once were!

In Parliament, Mr. Parnell and his disciples still stop the way. The Lords, through Earl Fortescue, on Monday expressed their desire to get to work on the Coercion Bills for Ireland; but in vain! The 14th inst. saw Mr. Parnell's amendment to the Address rejected by a majority of 378—435 to 57. But yet he was not happy. On Monday, he put up Mr. Justin M'Carthy. Before the resumption of the debate on the Address, however, and in the midst of a long list of questions relating to Ireland, Mr. Gladstone was asked if it would not be more prudent to adjourn the debate until the Land Bill had been introduced. The Prime Minister (whose reappearance in his place was the signal for cheering) declined to depart from the usual course, but hinted that the Government might possibly be compelled to take "larger and wider views" as to the conduct of business. Mr. Justin M'Carthy then moved his amendment to the Address praying that the civil and military forces of the Crown might not be employed in support of evictions until remedial measures had been discussed. Mr. Gladstone protested against the further prolongation of the debate, and said that, if such tactics as had been recently followed were to become the rule, the debate on the Address would become a public nuisance. Evictions were said to be the great cause of crime in Ireland, but the Irish members refused to allow the Government an opportunity of introducing remedial measures. The amendment asked the Government to renounce the first condition of their existence—namely, the maintenance of the law. Mr. Dillon, in seconding the amendment, delivered a violent and menacing speech. Mr. Parnell attacked the Premier. Clearly, these Irish malcontents must be bonneted, or the Legislative machine will be stopped by them!

A Durban telegram of Monday's date mentions a rumour that the British had made two sorties from Pretoria and had been repulsed with loss. Continual firing has been heard at Wakkerstroom. An "intense feeling" against Englishmen is shown by the Boers everywhere; and the *Times* correspondent states that "the feeling of sympathy with the Boers of the Transvaal runs very high in the Free State and the Cape Colony." There are now on their way from India to Natal a battery of artillery, the 15th Hussars, a detachment of the 60th Rifles, the 92nd Regiment, and the 83rd Regiment—in all about 2500 men.

Mr. Gladstone has replied, through the medium of Mr. Henry Richard, M.P., to the address of the Dutch Peace Society concerning the Transvaal. The Premier, in his answer, states that the matter, which is one of some anxiety, will have the careful attention of the Government, and he cherishes the hope that both the society and Mr. Richard may not find cause to be dissatisfied with the temper in which the Government will endeavour to approach it. But the dispatch of troops to the Cape amply proves that the Government intend to duly punish the Boers first.

General Grant has been chosen President of the Commission for Arranging the New York Exhibition of 1883.

The cutting of the first sod of the Hull and Barnsley Railway on Saturday by Lieutenant-Colonel Smith, the chairman of the company, was made the occasion of great popular rejoicing in Hull, which town will be greatly benefited by the new undertaking.

In consequence of orders having been given for the Detached Squadron to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope, instead of continuing their cruise to the Pacific, arrangements have been made for the mails that left Southampton on the 3rd inst. for Valparaiso to be transferred at Colon to a homeward-bound packet, with a view to being forwarded to the Cape of Good Hope. The Prince of Wales's sons are on board one of the ships of this squadron.

Another Afghan cloud! A telegram from Calcutta states that, owing to the continued interference by gangs of robbers with the supplies destined for Candahar, troops have been ordered to proceed to Maiwand to assist the Sirdars in maintaining order.

The Bombay correspondent of the *Standard* now telegraphs the names of the persons accused of conspiracy at Kolapore, and adds that the prisoners are charged with waging, or attempting to wage, war against the Empress, and are further charged with conspiring to commit the same offence, and with collecting arms with intent to wage war.

The Eastern Question again looks ominous. Greece intends to commence hostilities against Turkey at the end of the present month. The Porte has meantime communicated to the Ambassadors of the Powers a fresh Circular Note upon the Greek Question.

Preparations are continued by the Albanians at Prizrend for resisting the forces under the command of Osman Pasha.

Ali Pasha of Gussinje is suspected of inciting the Castrati and Hotti tribes near Podgoritza to attack the Montenegrins, and troops are being dispatched by Dervish Pasha to the disturbed district, in order to prevent any hostile movement on the part of those tribes.

The Crown Prince of Germany has made some energetic observations to Baron von Magnus in disapproval of the recent movement against the Jews of Germany. He said last Saturday that the movement must be condemned alike for its tendencies and aims, and he hoped it would soon wear out, for it was impossible such an unhealthy condition of things should endure. Hear, hear!

From Vienna the resignation is announced of Baron von Streit, the Minister of Justice, and Herr Kremer, the Minister of Commerce. The *Daily News* Vienna correspondent says that their resignation has deprived the Cabinet of the only Ministers in whom the the German Constitutional party placed some confidence.

Advices from St. Petersburg and other parts of the Russian empire concur in representing the famine-stricken districts as being already in an appalling condition.

According to information received in St. Petersburg, the second parallel before Geok Tepé was laid by General Scobeleff during the night between the 7th and 8th inst., at 400 paces from the fort. The siege operations are said to be proceeding satisfactorily, and the bombardment continues. The correspondent of a French journal who has been permitted to accompany General Scobeleff's force describes the work done by the Russians towards bridging with a railway the Central Asian desert as exceeding all that his imagination had conceived.

A coloured deputation from the Southern States of America presented an address to General Garfield on Friday congratulating him upon his election to the Presidency of the United States, and complaining of their being deprived of the franchise, of the oppression of the majority by the minority, of unjust treatment by employers, of denial of equal justice in the courts of law, of insufficient educational facilities, and of a want of proper protection by the Federal officers in the South. In reply, General Garfield urged that the final solution of the whole question of the coloured race must be based upon education. In this matter the Government would do all in their power, but the coloured people must at the same time make efforts to raise themselves.

The United Kingdom has felt the icy hand of winter with a vengeance. Skating has been general in London, and discomfort from lack of water for household use equally general. It is some years since Liverpool has been visited by such heavy snowfalls. The Mersey on Sunday was covered in many places with masses of floating ice, while some of the docks were completely frozen over. In the streets heavy vehicular traffic was conducted with difficulty, owing to the depth to which the snow fell. Many of the trains were late in reaching Liverpool. From all quarters the same account is given of the terrible severity of the season. In Scotland the snow fell so plentifully that several of the railway lines were blocked. In the Lancashire towns the sufferings of the poor, caused by the intensity of the cold, were much aggravated by the enormous advance in price of coals, consequent on the miners' dispute. In many parts of Liverpool, coals, ordinarily sold at 15s. per ton, are now realising 30s. a ton, being an advance of 100 per cent.

The ship Lenore, of Liverpool, which left Shields on Friday week, was run down, between Seaham and Hartlepool, by the screw-steamer John Dixon, of Newcastle. Nine of the crew of the Lenore, including the captain, were drowned, and the remainder were rescued and landed at Shields. The life-boat men behaved with supreme gallantry. They, as well as their brave brethren of Ramsgate, richly merit the public subscriptions being raised for them.

THERE WAS A REPORT in circulation last Monday evening to the effect that the French Government had abandoned the proposal they have made to the Powers to offer their mediation to Greece and Turkey. The *Daily News* has reason to believe that this report is well founded.

THE *Liverpool Post* says there is reason to believe that the Home Secretary is in possession of information showing that Irish secret societies have been, and are still being, formed in the various large towns of Great Britain.

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The Playgoer.

MR. FRANK MARSHALL is held in such high favour by a wide circle of musicians and critics that I was not astonished to see "Lola," the comic opera of which he wrote the libretto, praised sky high on its production at the Olympic. Truth to tell, there are but two or three airs worth remembering in Signor Antonio Orsini's light composition, which throws ridicule on some such personages as the Prince of Monaco—here called Baccarato—and recounts the adventures of a dark little beauty, "Lola," who comes to Baccarato as a guileless maiden ready to marry the first comer. As the Prince, Mr. Rosenthal sang and acted with habitual ease. The sweetest thing in the opera is the melodious song for which Miss Elinor Loveday was deservedly encored. She makes a captivating Lola. In the end she espouses, not the Prince, but the tenor, Edgardo, who found a dulcet impersonator in Mr. Walsham. The comic opera is superbly mounted, no expense having been spared to achieve a success. But "Lola" is dull. Quitting the Olympic for Mr. Walter Gooch's magnificent playhouse, the New Princess's, I don't fancy Mr. Booth has added much to his London fame by giving up "The Fool's Revenge" for "Othello." Much of the artificiality of his Hamlet was revived in his Othello and his Iago. Nor did Mr. Henry Forester, in alternating those great parts with Mr. Booth, enhance his reputation. No living actress could equal Mrs. Hermann Vezin as Emilia. Return to "Richelieu" or "The Fool's Revenge," Mr. Gooch. "The Fool's Revenge" seemed to be drawing so well that I presume it was only a prearrangement that caused "Othello" to displace it.

Chit-Chat.

PRINCESS LOUISE will return to Canada in May next.

LORD DERBY left Euston on Monday for Liverpool.

THE EARL OF BEACONSFIELD has removed to his new residence, recently the Earl of Tankerville's, in Curzon-street, Mayfair.

LORD BEACONSFIELD'S Hughenden tenantry have been informed that his Lordship will remit 20 per cent on the Michaelmas rents at the audit at the end of this month.

MR. GLADSTONE'S HINT TO PAT!—In a letter to the Secretary of the Bristol Liberal Operatives' Association, Mr. Gladstone says he quite agrees with the opinion of the association that the state of lawless in Ireland has retarded the removal of grievances in that country.

MR. GLADSTONE has given directions for £100 to be paid to Mrs. Wright, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Wright, F.S.A., out of the Royal Bounty Fund

MR. BRASSEY, M.P., Civil Lord of the Admiralty, has just furnished a public reference library in his house, at Claremont, Hastings, at a cost of between £2000 to £3000.

LORD ODO RUSSELL, British Ambassador at Berlin, will soon be known as Lord Thornhaugh.

MR. J. RUSSELL LOWELL, the United States Minister, has sent a donation of £40 to the funds of the Working Men's College, Great Ormond-street. Concurrently with the new term the eighth series of Free Popular Lectures at this college has commenced, and the lecturers appearing in the list are Professors H. Morley and J. W. Hales, Mr. Leslie Stephen, and others.

THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY, constructed by Siemens and Halske, between the Anhalter Station, in Berlin, and the suburban village of Lichtenfeld, has been satisfactorily completed, and will be opened to public traffic on the 1st of next month.

THE DIRECTORS OF THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL BANK (Limited) report that the gross profits for the past half year were £73,375, including £6002 brought forward. Working charges of all kinds absorbed £28,756 of this, and £13,842 was paid as interest to depositors. Out of the balance a dividend at the rate of 12½ per cent per annum has been declared, absorbing £15,625; £2500 is applied to reduction of premises account; £1032 set aside as rebate; and a balance of £8618 carried forward.

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DUTCH BOER ON THE WAR PATH IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Our Illustrations.

PICTORIAL CHRONICLE OF THE BOER RISING IN THE TRANSVAAL.

THE BOER'S CHARACTER,

taking one consideration with another, is not a happy one. Of the treachery of some of the Boers we have abundant proof in the murderous surprise of the detachment of the 94th Regiment, and in the subsequent assassination of Captain Elliott and attempt to shoot Captain Lambart, after they had been set free on *parole*. One who knows the Boers well, "Anglo-Americanus," bears further testimony to their peculiar characteristics:—

"The Boers are the authors of all the loss of blood and treasure we have suffered in our troubles with the Zulus. It should never be forgotten that the Boer exodus from Cape Colony arose from their desire to continue the practice of enslaving the natives. It was neither more nor less than a revolt against the British emancipation of the Hottentots. To-day they cling to 'the domestic institution.' They maintain it under the guise of 'apprenticeship.'

"Dr. Livingstone had a large experience of the Boers, and he lamented that men coming from a religious stock should have degenerated into cowards, and not only slaveowners, but raiders on peaceful villages for the capture of 'domestic servants.'

"The Boers have never stood against the natives when the natives have been armed with rifles. Let 'An Old Colonist' answer that. Dr. Livingstone said, 'They are brave enough against peaceful Bechuanas, but from the hour the Caffres obtained firearms not one Boer attempted to settle in Kaffirland, or even to face the enemy in the field. . . . They have left their quarrels to be fought out by the English, and their wars to be paid for by English gold.'

"As soon as Secocoeni obtained rifles in exchange for labour at the Diamond-Fields he whipped the degenerate Boer who had stolen his land; and you will see how the blatant Dutchman will behave when he is face to face with British troops."

BELEAGUERED BRITISH GARRISONS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

We are glad to say that, despite the greatly superior numbers of the Boers under arms, the stoutly defended British Garrisons bravely hold out. The typical Tommy Atkins portrayed on the look-out is a match any day for the Boer on the war-path. But our Redcoats have to play at present against overwhelmingly large numbers. To hold their own, they have to undertake sorties and do battle against enormous odds. For example, the Special of the *Standard* "wired" last Monday from Durban:—

"Pretoria is still besieged. The troops have made two sorties with a view of driving the Boers from points from which they greatly annoyed the garrison. The sorties were, however, repulsed with loss.

"Standerton and Wakkerstroom are both surrounded, and no communication has been received from our troops.

"Newcastle has been put in a state of defence, and four forts are to be erected round it.

"From Newcastle we hear that Swaine and Taylor, of the mounted police, have been captured and carried off by the Boers.

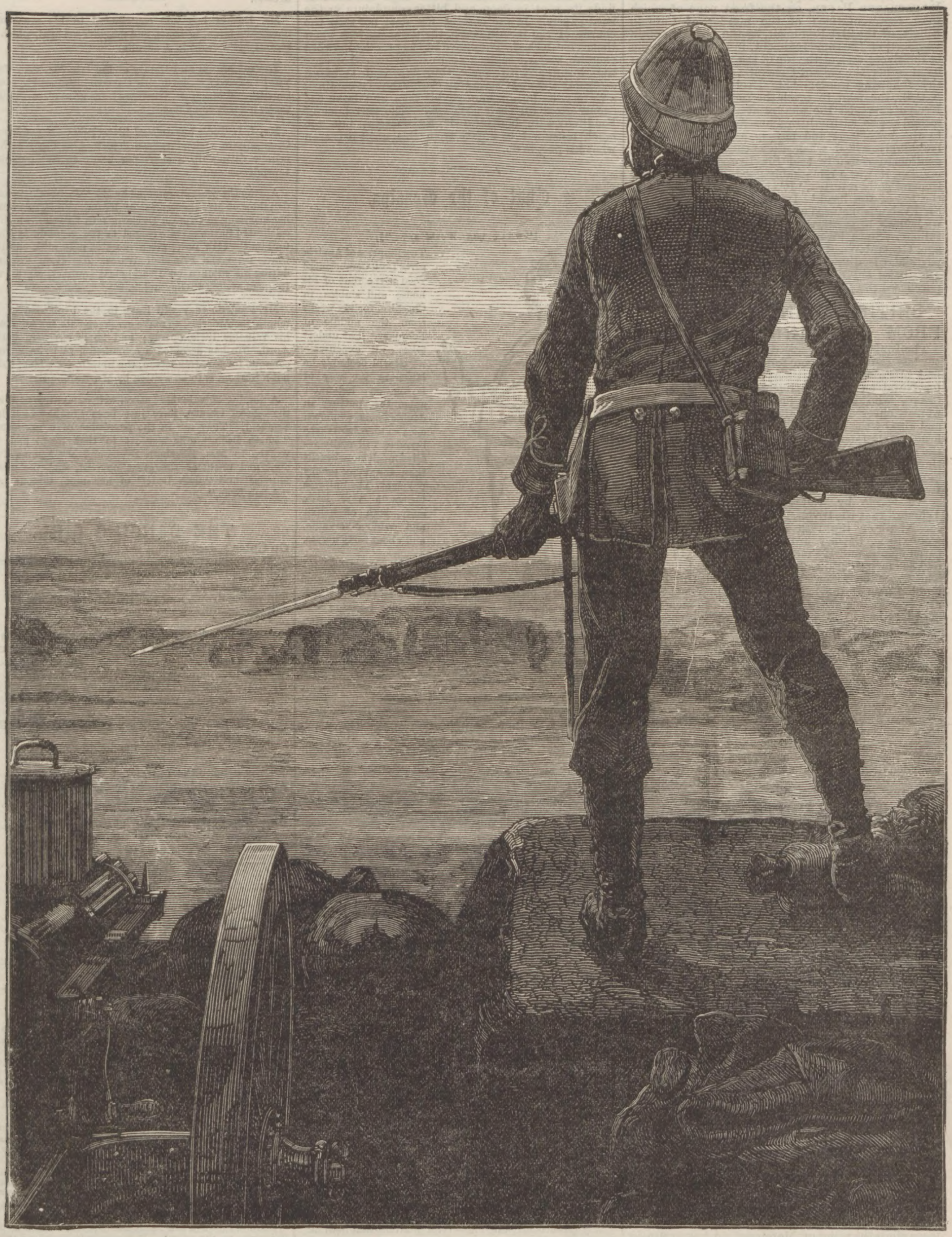
"The Boers in the New Scotland district are keeping quiet, as they fear that if they were to join the body in the field the Swazis might make an irruption."

OUR BLUEJACKETS LEAVE PIETERMARITZBURG FOR THE FRONT.

General Sir George Pomeroy Colley lost no time in sending the Bluejackets to the front. Jack has frequently taken an active—and, of course, a triumphant—part in our little African Wars. In the Ashantee War the Naval Brigade fought like Britons, ever cheerfully, ever zestfully; and our sailor soldiers were among the first to enter Coomassie with Sir Garnet Wolseley. In the Zulu War, again, Jack did yeoman's service. Was it not the dashing lads of H.M.S. Shah who materially hastened the relief of General Pearson's gallant garrison at Ekowe? There's a freedom about Jack's movements—and fighting comes so natural to him—that the utmost confidence is always reposed in him, whether he fights on land or on the sea. So it is now in the Transvaal. We understand that nearly one half of the crew of her Majesty's ship Boadicea was landed at Port Natal, by order of the Commodore, for service at the front. A naval contingent of about 150 officers, seamen, and marines was formed, taking with them the machine guns belonging to the ship.

The men of the Boadicea—inspected with admiration, we warrant, by Sir George Colley—left Pietermaritzburg for "the front" on Saturday, Jan. 8. Next day Sir George Colley departed himself for Newcastle, whence he dispatched a telegram, which, brief though it was, spoke eloquently as to the urgency of the mission of succour our Bluejackets are engaged in:—

"News from Potchefstroom to 1st inst. Fort still holds out; has supply for month. Boers made



BESIEGED IN THE TRANSVAAL: "TOMMY ATKINS" READY FOR THE ENEMY.

unsuccessful attack with old ship's gun; quickly silenced. Ladies and children of English residents in fort. Clarke, Raaf, and Landdrost still prisoners, Jan. 11."

SIR EVELYN WOOD AND THE "PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER."

It was without surprise we read that "The greatest satisfaction is expressed in Durban that Sir Evelyn Wood has been appointed to a command here." The reasons for the confidence reposed in this smart officer are to be found in his distinguished career, which we had the pleasure of tracing in our Number for Jan. 15.

Brigadier-General Sir Evelyn Wood, K.C.B., V.C., left Plymouth on Friday, the 14th inst., with his Staff, in the Royal mail-steamer Nubian. Our readers will be interested to read of an incident which occurred on board the vessel in Plymouth Sound. We are obliged to the reporter of the *Western Daily Mercury* of Plymouth for paying this Journal the compliment of recording the occurrence so good-naturedly:—

"Sir Evelyn Wood, upon reaching the Nubian, first examined the cabin specially arranged for his

convenience, and then lunched in the saloon with the other passengers. He was subsequently offered by the news-boy a copy of this week's PENNY ILLUSTRATED PAPER, on the front page of which were representations of the murder of Captain Elliott, of the 21st Regiment, by the Boers, Captain Lambart, of the same regiment, in the act of diving in the river; and, at the top of the page, in the right hand corner, the gallant General's own portrait, with the following words:—'Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., K.C.B., the man to teach the Boers a lesson.' Sir Evelyn surveyed the picture at arm's length for a second or two, with no little amusement; then, turning to the few officers and passengers standing round, laughingly asked what they thought of it. A gentleman candidly told Sir Evelyn that, in his opinion, it was a remarkably good likeness, but the General gaily retorted, 'It's not too flattering about the top of the head.' It should be explained that Sir Evelyn is pictured as being rather bald, although we believe, after all, the photograph is a very faithful one. Since his arrival here, some seven months ago, General Wood has shaved his chin, and in this particular is different from the picture in the *Penny Illustrated Paper*.* Sir Evelyn, as a matter of course, purchased the paper.

BRITISH REINFORCEMENTS FROM ENGLAND AND INDIA.

The Inniskillings, whose departure we recorded in our last Issue, were soon followed by the C battery first brigade Royal Artillery, who left Portsmouth for Natal on the 13th inst. in the Palmyra. The troops, who appeared in excellent spirits, were warmly cheered by a number of persons on the jetty and also by the troops on board the Orontes at Spithead, the last-named vessel having just arrived with the eleventh company and a section of the thirty-third company Royal Engineers, invalids, and time-expired men and paid-off crews from the Mediterranean.

We learnt by Indo-European telegraph, viâ Teheran, that the troop-ship Euphrates left Bombay for Natal on the 10th inst., with the following troops:—F. Battery 3rd Brigade Royal Artillery, seven officers and 193 men; 15th Hussars, 18 officers and 368 men; 60th Rifles, 19 officers and 582 men. The Crocodile followed on Jan. 15, with 19 officers and 637 men of the 92nd Regiment, and had to call at Vingorla to embark 20 officers and 589 men of the 83rd Regiment. It may be mentioned that the time-expired men of the second battalion 60th Rifles, who were about to go home in advance of the battalion, all volunteered to accompany it to the Cape.

The Army Medical Department is sending out Mrs. Deeble and six lady nurses to attend the sick and wounded in the Transvaal, and passage has been secured for these ladies in the Union Steam-Ship Company's Royal Mail steamer Pretoria, sailing from Southampton on the 27th inst. It will be remembered that Mrs. Deeble and her staff of lady nurses rendered valuable assistance to the sick and wounded during the Zulu war.

THE BASUTO WAR.

Turning from the Transvaal War to the Basuto Campaign, we find it difficult to withdraw our sympathy from the Basutos, who are mainly fighting for the right to keep their firearms.

The war still goes on. The monotonous news of so many heads of cattle being captured from the Basutos has been varied by the intelligence of a severe engagement. This encounter will serve as well as any to represent the nature of the ground the Colonial troops have frequently to traverse before they can get at the valiant enemy. Colonel Brabant's column attacked rebel army near Mafeteng, carried fortified position by assault, and defeated the rebels at all points with great loss in every case. Our casualties are said to have been trifling.

The following telegram from Administrator Sir G. C. Strahan was received last Monday at the Colonial Office:—

"Jan. 16.—Carrington patrolling Basutoland, 10th, had engagement with rebels, inflicting severe loss; casualties, Colonial side, eight wounded. On 14th he encountered large forces of rebels; casualties, Colonial side, fifteen killed, fifteen wounded. Dismounting his cavalry, he drove enemy from every position.

"In Kaffraria, Umditchwa has surrenderd; effect of this on his people not yet known. Affairs in Pondoland satisfactory."

The fight of the 14th inst. in Basutoland appears to have been the sharpest struggle which has taken place since the relief of Mafeteng. A loss of fifteen killed and fifteen wounded is comparatively heavy, and it must always be considered as ominous when the wounded, instead of outnumbering the killed by four to one—the proportion in modern battles—are but equal to them in number. This can only be taken as showing either that the fighting was hand-to-hand, or that some of the wounded were captured by the enemy. In hand-to-hand fighting the Basutos have a marked advantage over the majority of the Colonial troops. Although at the time of enlistment the cavalry were all promised revolvers, the greater portion were marched to meet the enemy unprovided with these indispensable arms, and their disgust and indignation at the utter faithlessness of the Cape Government finds its vent in deep and bitter complaints in the local papers. If the carbine fire does not stop the charge of the Basuto horse, the Colonials look upon themselves as lost. They have had no practice in sword exercise, and can make a poor defence indeed against the Basutos with their throwing and stabbing assegais. Colonel Carrington claims that he obtained a victory, as he dismounted his men and drove the enemy from all their positions. The surrender of Umditchwa in Kaffraria is satisfactory, but too much must not be hoped from this until it is seen what his people do.

* The portrait of Sir Evelyn Wood was copied from Elliott and Fry's faithful portrait of the General, taken shortly after his return from the Zulu Campaign.

Chat of the Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

THE Empress of Austria gives Lord Combermere £500 as the rent of his house and stables in Cheshire, for six weeks from the middle of February. She undertakes all expenses—which will probably be large—in the way of laying on hot-water apparatus, putting in double doors, windows, &c.; so that Lord Combermere will really receive much more benefit than the mere money payment. The Empress brings a very large suite, both of indoor and outdoor servants, and about forty horses.

Lord Rosebery intends to build one of the most magnificent houses in London on the site which he has purchased near Albert-gate. The mansion will front the Park, and command a splendid view of Rotten Row and the Ladies' Mile. There are to be five suites of reception-rooms: and, in fact, when complete, it will probably be one of the most princely houses in the metropolis.

Lady Lonsdale's dinner party at Carlton House-terrace the other day was almost a political one. Besides Lord Beaconsfield, there were Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill, Mr. Bernal Osborne, Lord and Lady Claud Hamilton, and others of more or less note in the present or coming world of politics.

Lord Lonsdale has started on his yacht trip to the Mediterranean and West Indies, and does not intend returning to England for four or five months.

The Prince of Wales's visit to the Marchese and Marchesa Santuce (better known as Mr. and Mrs. C. Murietta) at Dewhurst was a most enjoyable one.

While we sit hugging our firesides, and nursing angry and vindictive feelings against the hunters eating their heads off in the stable, the treacherous state of the streets, or the threatening attitude of our kitchen-boiler, the happy skating-grounds of Hans-place [Prince's] present a brilliant and animated spectacle. On Friday last, when the Duke and Duchess of Connaught honoured the Principality with a visit, the gaiety was at its climax. Statesmen and stock-jobbers, the professional beauty and the professional bore—all jostled one another in the picturesque confusion. Among so many good skaters it would be difficult to particularise; but one lady (well known for her pretty face and Transatlantic origin), while wearing the colours of the hunting-field, showed that a few spills had no terrors for her in the pursuit of the double-three. Another, by her conscientious and painstaking backslidings, compelled admiration; and towards dusk the Miss Fontaines performed a most enchanting shadow-dance to the strains of the Scots Guards band.

All unpleasantness in the Czar's family with regard to his marriage is now happily smoothed over, and the Czarevitch's children have made the acquaintance of their little relatives, who have been now introduced into the Imperial circle.

It is erroneously stated in several quarters that both Mr. Bright and Mr. Chamberlain deliberately left their seats when the Marquis of Hartington rose to address the House on Mr. Parnell's amendment. The two members for Birmingham stood at the bar during the whole of the speech, they having entered the House just as the Marquis had risen. It is not usual for members to pass a speaker while he is addressing the House.

General Sir Frederick Roberts has been paying a short visit to the father of his aide-de-camp (Major Pretyman) at Bournemouth. On Friday evening he distributed the prizes to the Volunteers, and received an address of welcome from the local governing body of the town.

Mrs. Freake's "Allegory," which, after many postponements, is to be performed on the 26th and 27th, is entirely the work of the hostess of the evening, who has written the speeches and designed every detail of the scenery and dresses.

Mr. Ruskin has just contributed to his museum at Sheffield a large, lustrous, and magnificent opal, which was recently discovered in Australia.

The art effects and library of the late Mr. Tom Taylor will be offered for sale during the ensuing month by Messrs. Christie and Manson. There are soms good pictures among them, notably some Coxes.

Mr. J. L. Toole has quitted his well-known residence in Orme-square, which has been described in the *World*, and is now fitting up a charming house in William-street, Lowndes-square.

Among the presents received by Miss Mackenzie, youngest daughter of Mr. Mackenzie, of Kintail and Glenmuick, on her marriage to Captain Davison, 16th Lancers, which was celebrated in the private chapel in the grounds at Hatchford on the 11th inst., was a cross of pale pink coral and pearls from the Prince of Wales. His Royal Highness, during his sojourn on Deeside last summer, was a pretty frequent visitor at Glenmuick.

Mr. Frederic Clay will leave in the beginning of next month for America, to make arrangements for numbers of his valuable little operas; and he is expected back in April. He has accepted a commission to write an opéra comique for Mr. Henderson, the libretto for which, if I am not mistaken, is to be written by Mr. Burnand.

A number of valuable letters, written by George Eliot at the age of twenty, have just been brought to light in Sheffield. They are in the possession of a grandson of "Dinah Bede," now resident in that town, and were written to Mrs. Elizabeth Evans and Mr. Samuel Evans, aunt and uncle of the great novelist, and the "Dinah Morris" and "Seth Bede" of her most famous novel, "Adam Bede."

THE DANCING GIRL.

On tiptoe poised amid a world of Song,
As though sweet sound allured her to the chase,
She steps into the dance, and threads a throng
Of limbs that dazzle space,
Till music drops, and the tired notes among
She triumphs in the race.

As one whose heart o'erruns the pregnant chords
Of the soul's tongue, so glides the dancing girl
When passion's flood in music's steps she fords
With nimble, circling swirl
Of limbs more fluent than the flow of words,
As dizzily they whirl.

Sweet thought must through the spirit's darkness creep,
Ere it see day; she all her being flings
Into the dance: the music's wondrous sweep
Unto her footfall clings,
And, as a nymph from out the billow leaps,
From her soul's fount she springs.

Draped in her gossamer, where'er she goes
A pliant fold her inmost grace repeats,
While at her heart burns red the panting rose
That on her bosom beats:
But not the eyelash flame that hidden glows
One watchful lover meets.

None dare interpret all her limbs express,
That clad in music thus divinely move;
Those arms would all embrace, those lips caress
The heaven-descending dove:
More than the thought dare dream of they confess,
Because their art is love.

T. GORDON HAKE.

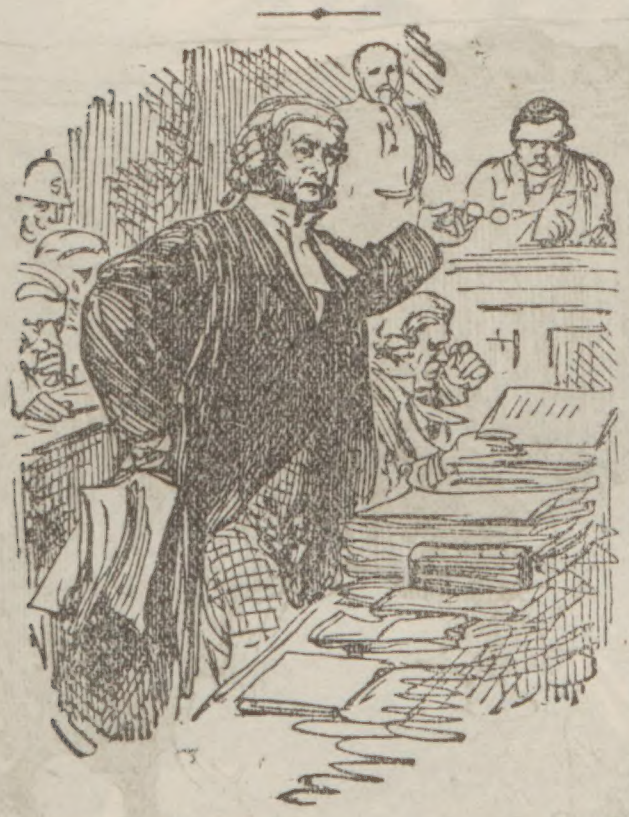
SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT less fuel burnt. Perfection and economy in cooking. Ensuring perfect combustion, thus curing smoky chimneys, by using the PATENT TREASURE COOKING RANGE unsurpassed for durability, depth of oven, and capacity of boiler. May be placed anywhere. Cannot get out of order. Illustrated price books post-free. T. J. Constantine, 61, Fleet-street, E.C. Established a quarter of a century. N.B.—The cheapest coal most suitable.—[ADVT.]

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey, or white, or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it will positively restore in every case grey or white hair to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting its growth on bald spots where the glands are not decayed. "The Mexican Hair Renewer" is sold by Chemists and Perfumers everwhere at 3s. 6d. per Bottle.—[ADVT.]

FLORILINE.—For the Teeth and Breath. The best liquid dentifrice in the world. It thoroughly cleanses partially-decayed teeth from all parasites or living "animalculæ," leaving them pearly white, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. Price 2s. 6d. per Bottle. The Fragrant Floriline removes instantly all odours arising from a foul stomach or tobacco smoke, being partly composed of honey, soda, and extracts of sweet herbs and plants. It is delicious to the taste, and harmless as sherry. Sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere.—[ADVT.]

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is perfectly harmless, and very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Sold by all Chemists, at 1s. 1½d. per Bottle.—[ADVT.]

Law and Crime.



INQUIRY INTO THE SALFORD EXPLOSION.

THE HOME SECRETARY requested to be supplied with particulars respecting the explosion at the Regent-road Barracks, Salford; and a report was sent to the Home Office on Monday.

The "miscreants" will, we trust, soon be brought to justice, and punished as they deserve for the murder of the poor little lad. The canister, which was found in the débris, was, it is supposed, introduced through the grid near which the explosion occurred, the grid having first been removed, and was fired by means of a fuse. It should be remembered that there was a dense fog over the whole district at the time, and the persons who committed the outrage would have no need to fear interruption. The police have received a story from a resident in the neighbourhood which seems to point inferentially to the perpetrators of the outrage. On the evening before the explosion, between seven and eight o'clock, two gentlemanly-dressed men called at a beer-house near the barracks and ordered some drink. In conversation with the landlord they asked to be allowed to leave two parcels until a later hour of the same evening, and, permission having been given, they produced two packages in brown paper tied with strong twine. They said that they were workmen and had been engaged to do a job in the neighbourhood, and that the parcels contained the materials which they had to use. They asked for the address of the house, stating that they were entire strangers. The landlord states that the speech of the men seemed like that of "Yankee-Irishmen." As they said they should not return that night the landlord opened one of the parcels and found it to contain wet mortar with a trowel stuck in it. The other parcel, which felt hard to the touch, like a canister, and was about the size of a 4 lb. loaf, he did not open. Between four and five o'clock the next afternoon the men called for the parcels, and the landlord explained to them that he had opened one of them. They did not appear disconcerted at all by the information, and, taking the parcels, left the house. About half an hour after their departure the explosion occurred, and the landlord states that he was lifted off his feet by the force of the shock. The police have also been informed that a woman who passed the barracks shortly before the explosion saw two men near the wall. There seems to be no doubt that dynamite was the explosive material used.

An inquiry was held on Sunday at the Salford Infantry Barracks regarding the explosion. All the officers of the regiment and the officers of the Hussars now stationed at the Manchester Cavalry Barracks were present, together with the Chief Constable of Salford and Detective-Superintendent Donohoe. It is stated that important disclosures were made regarding the explosion.

It now appears that a third person was injured by the disaster. A girl named Ellen Jane Morris, thirteen years of age, who resides at 6, Darley-street, was about the time of the occurrence sent to the door to purchase an evening paper. The explosion then occurred. She was struck by some hard substance on the ankle, knocked down, and severely wounded in her foot.

LIBERATION OF THE RITUALISTIC MINISTERS.

MANY of our readers, having no sympathy with Ritualistic pomp in the Church of England, will be glad to hear that the Rev. T. P. Dale and the Rev. Mr. Enraght were on Saturday last declared free men.

The Lords Justices of Appeal delivered judgment on Saturday in the case of the Rev. T. P. Dale, of St. Vedast's, who applied to be discharged from confinement, and in the case of the Rev. Mr. Enraght, of Bordesley, near Birmingham, who sought for a writ of *habeas corpus*. Their Lordships decided unanimously in favour of the appellants, overruling the decision of the Judges of the Queen's Bench Division. The decision of the Lords Justices was based on the technical point that there had been a miscarriage in the mode in which the writ of *capias* had been dealt with. The writs on which the defendants had been committed issued from the Court of Chancery, through the Petty Bag Office; and, this being the case, it was held that they ought to have been brought into the Queen's Bench for the purpose of being judicially considered there. Lord Justice James somewhat sarcastically remarked that this might seem a very idle thing, but it was no more idle than the whole question before the Court. By law a man was bound to wear a particular vestment, and by law, said his Lordship, the writ ought to be opened in a particular place. In the other and far more important points raised before the Court, the Lords Justices decided against the appellants, confirming the jurisdiction of Lord Penzance, as the lawful successor of those who had held the office of Dean of Arches from time immemorial. In accordance with the judgment, an order was issued for the immediate discharge of Messrs. Dale and Enraght.

THE BIRMINGHAM PRIZE-FIGHT.

At the Solihull Police Court last Saturday, Alfred Greenfield, beerhouse-keeper, Livery-street, Birmingham, and William Price, beerhouse-keeper, Birmingham, were summoned for assembling, with a number of other persons, and making a riot and disturbance, at Marston Green. On Dec. 17 a prize-fight took place at Lapworth, and the defendants were acting as seconds to one of the pugilists. Defendants were bound over in £10 each to keep the peace for three months.

SENSATIONS FROM PARIS.

M. Camille Warenhorst, a rich merchant established at Havre, was found dead last Saturday in the tramcar which he took on returning from a visit to Paris. He had blown out his brains with a revolver. The deceased had married a lady whose husband was supposed to have been killed during the Commune. The man, however, had been transported to New Caledonia under a false name, and came back the other day with the last batch of amnestied insurrectionists to claim his wife. "Enoch Arden," with a difference.

Dr. Poulin, the victim of the horrible tragedy in the Rue Jacob, was buried in Paris last Saturday. An immense number of people, including the Ministers of Finance and Public Works, attended the funeral. Cubilier, the assassin, is recovering from his self-inflicted wounds.

A Russian sailor, named Ivanhoff, belonging to the Russian frigate the Edinburg, now at Cherbourg, having been condemned to death for striking one of his officers, was taken on Saturday three miles out to sea on board a gun-boat, and hanged on the yard-arm.

STAGE AND ORCHESTRA GOSSIP.

THE SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY'S CONCERT in St. James's Hall on the Friday evening of the present week will comprise Handel's Coronation Anthem, "The King shall rejoice," Cherubini's "Requiem," and Mendelssohn's "Athalie," the principal vocalists for the latter work being Miss Catherine Penna, Miss Jessie Jones, and Miss Orridge. Mr. Charles Fry will recite the illustrative verses, and the performance will be conducted by Sir Michael Costa.

MRS. S. F. BATEMAN, the lessee of New Sadler's Wells Theatre, died on the 13th inst. at her residence in Taviton-street, Gordon-square, from inflammation of the lungs. Mrs. Bateman was in her fifty-seventh year. In an age of looseness and profligacy on the stage, Mrs. Bateman honourably continued the theatrical career which her late husband began, and did her utmost to lift the drama from the mire.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. BATEMAN took place in Hendon Churchyard on Monday. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. George Crowe, Miss Sidney Crowe, Miss Virginia Bateman, Miss Isabel Bateman, and Mr. Theodore Cripp. Other mourners and friends were conveyed in five private carriages. On arriving at the ground the procession was joined by Mr. Charles Warner, Mr. Hermann Vezin, and the entire Company of Sadler's Wells, together with a large number of personal friends.

MISS ISABEL BATEMAN, long her mother's right hand in secretarial and managerial work, continues the Bateman reign at New Sadler's Wells. An accomplished actress of refined tastes, Miss Isabel Bateman has the sympathy of every playgoer in undertaking this onerous enterprise.

LIVERPOOL has a decided acquisition. Mrs. Edmonds's (late Wombwell's) well-known Zoological Exhibition opened on Saturday on Kensington-fields, Hall-lane, for a brief visit. The star of the menagerie is the lion "Wallace," reckoned by judges to be the finest at present in Europe. "Wallace" killed its keeper, M'Carthy, in Manchester, several years ago; and one of "Wallace's" progeny at Birmingham the other day showed signs of the same untamable spirit by nearly killing a man who was engaged in cleaning its cage.

THE SEASON OF THE CARL ROSA OPERA COMPANY at the Amphitheatre, Liverpool, closes this (Saturday) evening. The representation of "Maritana" on Saturday night was a splendid success. The operas for this week were the "Lily of Killarney," "Bohemian Girl," "Carmen," "Mignon," "Trovatore," and "Martha." On Saturday afternoon the principals of the company, together with the full band, gave their services at a concert, to take place at the Queen's Operetta House, Bold-street, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution and the benevolent fund of the Dramatic Lodge, of which many of Mr. Rosa's company are members.

THE PANTOMIME SEASON is still in full swing in Liverpool. Notwithstanding the severity of the frost last week, all the places where pantomime is being played were well attended, both at the day and the evening performances. At the Alexandra Theatre the beauties of Mr. Saker's annual "Robin Hood" are more and more admired. "Little Red Riding Hood" at the Prince of Wales's is drawing crowded audiences, thanks to the liberality with which Mr. Emery has put the piece on the stage.

THE PANTOMIMES AT THE MANCHESTER THEATRES are now running as smoothly and as merrily as could be wished for. "Cinderella" at the Prince's is essentially a musical pantomime. At the Royal "Blue Beard" maintains its popularity.

SEE "THE GUV'NOR" ere this droll and mirth-moving comedy by Mr. Lankester is withdrawn from the Vaudeville. Abounding in human nature, jocosely contrasted, "The Guv'nor" is bound to be as great a success in the great provincial theatres as it has been in London. It has been played for upwards of 150 nights at the Vaudeville, and still excites hearty laughter. But on the 29th inst., a new comedy is to take its place at the merry temple of comedy over which MM. David James and Thomas Thorne ably preside.

THE SNOBBERY OF SOME LONDON MANAGERS is incurable. A distinguished Artist, who is beyond compare the most promising painter of the period, having been commissioned by the enterprising managers of *Scribner's Magazine* to portray some of the puppets of the London stage, honoured one of the greatest cads among them with a request for facilities to obtain a faithful sketch. Those acquainted with the ridiculously impolitic incivilities indulged in by some of the individuals elevated to fret their hour upon the stage may not be surprised to hear that the request was dismissed with nonchalant discourtesy. Mr. R. C. Woodville had a neat revenge, however. For the delectation of the great American public *Scribner's* appeals to more widely than any other magazine of standing, the eminent Artist delineated this precious manager in his true colours—those of an inborn cad.

MR. SAMUEL COLVILLE, of New York, has secured the French spectacular romantic drama, "Michael Strogoff," for Booth's Theatre, and also the right for the whole of the United States and Canada. Mr. James Scanlan is in London with Mr. Colville, prepared to negotiate for operatic or dramatic attractions.

Mr. H. J. BYRON will play in his forthcoming version of "Michael Strogoff" at the Adelphi the part of the English special correspondent. It is to be hoped, in his translation, he will not clip too much the rounded periods Mr. Charles Warner will have to deliver.

"MARRIED CAST-OFF MISTRESSES!" Why don't some London managers hold the mirror up to nature by producing a play with this title, exhibiting in the pillory those plastic-minded adventurers who flash through life as the wearers of the left-off garments of profligate peers and Royal personages?

"MASKS AND FACES" will shortly be revived at the Haymarket.

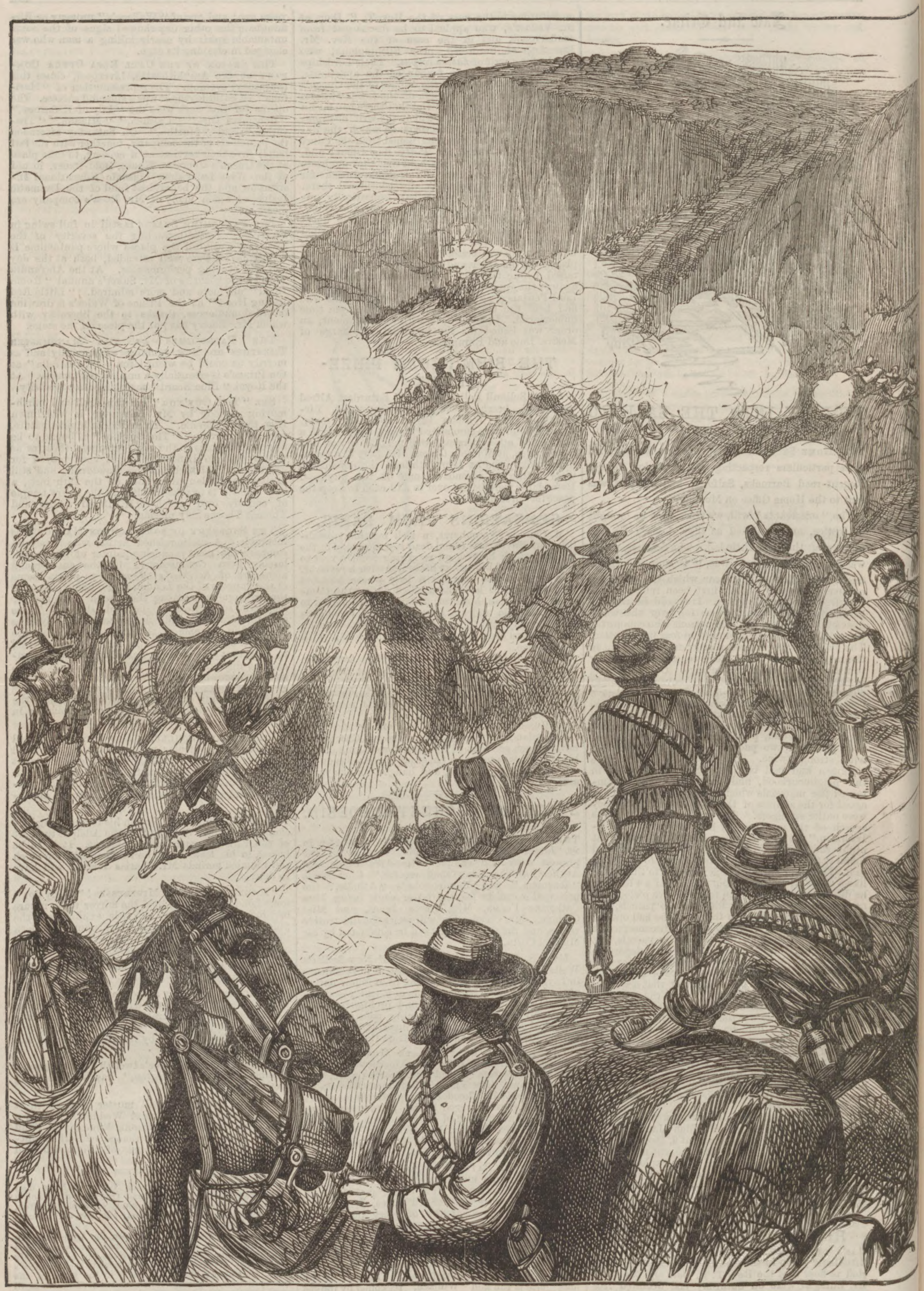
PLYMOUTH (the lively seaport at which poor Mrs. Rousby was first infatuated with the glamour of the footlights) boasts so attractive a pantomime—it is called "Sinbad the Sailor"—at the Theatre Royal that excursion-parties go by rail from Penzance and Launceston to see it.

IN EXETER, Mr. Neebe's twelfth Christmas pantomime, "Dick Whittington," has been drawing good business.

DEVON FREEMASONS will muster in strength at the Plymouth Guildhall next Wednesday, when a concert on behalf of the Masonic Educational Fund will be given under the patronage of Earl Mount-Edgcumbe and the Mayors of Plymouth and Devonport.

1 lb. of WATSON'S COMPRESSED LAUNDRY SOAP does the work of 2 lbs. of ordinary soap. One trial will establish its superiority for washing all kinds of woollen, cotton, and linen fabrics. Of all Grocers; 1 lb. bar, 5d. Works, Leeds.—[ADVT.]

FOREIGN COMPETITION is hard upon the Agriculturist in his cultivation of corn and hops, but, as regards fine flavoured fruits, the farmers of Kent are able to defy competition. It is owing to this superiority that "GRANT'S MORELLA CHERRY BRANDY," made in the heart of the Cherry district, stands unrivalled for delicious flavour in all parts of the world. It can be obtained at all Bars, Restaurants, and Wine Stores. Manufacturer, Thomas Grant, Distiller, Maidstone.—[ADVT.]



THE BASUTO WAR: COLONISTS CAPTURING A BASUTO STRONGHOLD.

THE FATAL EXPLOSION AT SALFORD BARRACKS.

THE SALFORD EXPLOSION.

IF the deplorable occurrence in Salford on Friday se'nnight is classed with the Clerkenwell outrage, hare-brained Irish agitators have only themselves to thank. But it would be premature and unfair at present to attribute the explosion which has alarmed not only Salford and Manchester, but has aroused indignation far and wide, to a Fenian plot. At the same time, the lamentable results of the explosion may not unreasonably be pointed to as a warning to Irishmen who may, in spite of their better selves, be led into rash and violent conspiracies by the inflammatory language of unscrupulous and despicable ranters—as cowardly as they are mischievous.

THE EXPLOSION

happened about half-past five p.m. on Frida., Jan. 14, at the Infantry Barracks in the Regent-road, Salford. The barrack wall constitutes, roughly speaking, a square, on the north of which is Regent-road, on the south Tatton-street, on the east Gloucester-street, and on the west Henrietta-street. The entrance is from Regent-road, a very busy thoroughfare; the street at what may be called the back of the barracks—namely, Tatton-street, being comparatively little used. The explosion occurred in a part of the premises close to the last-named street, and at a spot where is placed what is termed a "lean-to" shed, which is divided into three portions, one being used as an armoury, another as a

linen store, and the third as a butcher's store. The object of those who planned the explosion is generally supposed to have been to blow up the armoury, and either damage beyond remedy the weapons contained in it or carry them off during the confusion which they expected would follow such an unexpected event.

The explosion was apparently caused by some substance put through a ventilating grid into the butcher's store. At the place where the "lean-to" shed is situated the barrack wall, which is some twelve or thirteen feet high, has several grids in it for the purpose of ventilation. The explosion caused great damage, and resulted in what is far more lamentable — serious personal injury to a woman, and the death of a little boy. The building wrecked by the explosion is a one-storey structure, about fourteen yards long by seven yards broad, and four yards high. An irregular hole, about a yard in diameter, was made in the outer wall—which is three bricks thick—in Tatton-street. Bricks were hurled with tremendous force down Darley-street, which is immediately opposite the scene of the disaster, and some were thrown over the tops of houses in the neighbourhood. Nearly every house in Darley-street suffered, the damage being confined chiefly to the windows. Damage of a like kind was done in Clifton-street, which runs parallel with Tatton-street, and in several other thoroughfares in the immediate neighbourhood. Into one house in Clifton-street, distant about eighty yards from the barracks, a brick was hurled almost with the violence of a cannon ball. It first came in contact with a chair, which it smashed; and afterwards penetrated through the plaster to the bricks constituting a partition wall. The loss to property bears, however, no comparison to

THE BODILY INJURY CAUSED.

A woman named Mary Ann Nadin, wife of William Nadin, living at 11, Wood-street West, off Oxford-road, Manchester, was passing by at the time, having with her a boy, seven years of age, named Richard Clark, whose parents reside in Lynton-street, Salford. Both the woman and boy were hurled by the explosion into the middle of Tatton-street. The terrific report which accompanied this explosion soon brought a number of persons to their help. They found Mrs. Nadin lying in the middle of the street, crying out

"I am shot."

The boy was on the ground near her. Their attention was also attracted to what appeared to be three or four small pieces of wadding or flannel, which were burning in the street. Some persons stamped with their feet upon this burning material in order to put out the fire. It was afterwards taken away—probably by the police. Prompt attention was paid to Mrs. Nadin and the boy. River-Inspector Kirk arrived on the spot shortly after the explosion, and he, with the assistance of a number of constables from the Regent-road Police Station, which is not far away, removed the two sufferers on stretchers to the Salford Royal Hospital. An examination which was made there showed that Mrs. Nadin had sustained a compound fracture of the left thigh and a fracture of the left arm, and was severely bruised on the face. She was, and is still, suffering greatly from the shock to her nerves caused by the explosion, and is in a very prostrate condition. The injuries to the boy were even more serious, for it was found that his skull was fractured. He was unconscious when admitted to the hospital, and remained unconscious up to his death, which occurred at six o'clock last Sunday evening.

THE ST. IVES LIFE-BOAT AT WORK.

During a terrific gale at St. Ives, Cornwall, on Tuesday morning, a French schooner was observed in the bay making signals of distress. The life-boat crew mustered and made a gallant attempt to go to her assistance, but were driven back into the harbour. A second attempt, however, met with success, and the life-boat men managed to get alongside the schooner and rescue her crew of five hands, the vessel shortly afterwards drifting on to the rocks. The vessel is the Rosa, of St. Varst, bound from Briton Ferry to Cherbourg with coals. Another vessel observed two miles westward with crew in rigging. Many other distressing wrecks and noble rescues are reported.

TOBACCONISTS COMMENCING.—A Pamphlet, How to Open Shop from £10 to £500, free.—H. Myers and Co. (P 3), 109, Euston-road, London; and at Birmingham. Established 25 years. Wholesale and export only.—[ADVT.]

Ireland As She Is.

A PETITION TO THE QUEEN.

The Home Secretary has, by desire of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, presented to the Queen a Memorial, drawing Her Majesty's attention to the terrorism exercised by the Land League, and to the "black mail" which is levied upon various classes, necessitating absolute submission as the only alternative to complete ruin. The Memorial prays Her Majesty to direct steps to be taken to protect life and property in Ireland. On the other hand, it should not be overlooked that Mr. Parnell had as many as 57 votes in the House of Commons against the proposed measures of "coercion."

THE EARL OF ENNISKILLEN

has issued a circular to his tenants pointing out that the objects of the Land League are disloyal, and urging them to resist the attempts made to bring them under the sway of that organisation, the powers of which, he predicts, will eventually be broken down. The Earl would have done better had he counselled the landlord class to act in such a manner to their tenants that the Land Leaguers could not easily gain any influence over them.

ACTION AGAINST THE LAND LEAGUERS.

The proceedings in the case of "The Queen v. Parnell and Others" were resumed on Monday at Dublin. Mr. M'Donogh proposed to call a number of evicted tenants to prove the cruelty of landlordism, and a witness from Mayo who was evicted in 1847 was put into the box, but the Attorney General consented to withdraw one of the counts of the indictment, which step rendered the evidence inadmissable. Mr. M'Laughlin, Q.C., who appeared for the traverser Brennan, then argued that the charge of conspiracy had not been made out.

Mr. John O'Connor, hon. secretary, and Mr. P. O'Neill, secretary, of the Cork Land League, have been summoned on a charge of intimidation.

The magistrates on Saturday, in the prosecution of the Tralee Land Leaguers, returned Messrs. Power, O'Rourke, Harrington, Talbot, and Kelly for trial at the assizes, on a charge of illegally and seditiously holding a court.

A DASTARDLY SHOT.

At Dungarvan on Saturday Mr. Nugent was charged with firing a gun into the dwelling-house of Declan Ryan, of Newtown. Ryan deposed that at four o'clock on the morning of the 5th inst. he heard voices outside his bed-room window, and on his inquiring what the persons wanted, a shot was fired through the window. Upwards of a hundred grains of shot lodged in the cupboard at the opposite side of the room. After the shot had been fired, a voice came from outside the window telling him to clear out of a farm which he had taken a short time previously. A second charge of forcible possession was preferred against Nugent, who was found by the police in a farm which he had formerly rented, and which he now refused to leave. The charge of firing into the dwelling-house was dismissed, but the defendant was sent for trial to the assizes on the charge of taking forcible possession.

MR. DAVITT,

the able originator of the Irish Land League, continues to do his utmost to provoke the Government to suspend his ticket-of-leave. Mr. Davitt spoke on Sunday at Kilbrin, near Kanturk, where a meeting was suppressed a few days ago. Several clergymen were present, and the parish priest, Mr. Leader, presided. Mr. Davitt, who was received with prolonged cheering, employed these choice epithets against Irish landlords:—

In their frenzied clamour for revenge they are crying out for martial law, suspension of trial by jury, and other coercive measures which would, if granted, place every man's life at the mercy of English soldiers and the liberty of the people at the feet of Irish policemen (Great cheering). Do they reflect for a moment that those whom they now stigmatise as assassins and call upon the Government to dragoon are the people from whom they expect to receive rent in the future as it has been paid in the past? (A voice, "Good man, Davitt.")

Mr. Parnell, himself an Irish landlord, can hardly support with reason such heated appeals as Mr. Davitt's to the passions of the Irish peasantry. At the same time, the Government may be cautioned to restrain the redcoats that abound in Dublin from indulging in the swagger and bounce which are calculated to infuriate the populace. On both sides—the Ministerial and the Home Rule—the greatest forbearance is urgently needed at this juncture. They are no true friends of Ireland—they who stimulate the peasantry to the verge of revolution; or they who permit the soldiery to exasperate citizens by a brutal roughness insufferable to an excitable and a sentimental race. As for Mr. Davitt, when he can have the black ingratitude and political mendacity to apply the following lines to Ireland's proved friend, Mr. Gladstone, the sooner he is gagged the better:—

I have found a new gift for my Erin,
A gift that will surely content her;
She asked me for justice and right,
And buckshot and bayonets I've sent her!

HAVE IT IN YOUR HOUSES. — LAMPLOUGH'S PYRETIC SALINE.—The cure in Smallpox, Fevers, Skin Diseases, of Bilious Sickness. Sold by Chemists, and the only Maker, H. Lamplough, 113, Holborn-hill, London, E.C.—[ADVT.]

THE ROTHSCHILD WEDDING GIFTS.

From two to six o'clock, last Sunday, the drawing-rooms of Mr. Alfred de Rothschild's house, No. 1, Seamore-place, Mayfair, were crowded by friends invited to see the wedding presents which had preceded the nuptials of Mr. Leopold de Rothschild and Mdlle. Marie Perugia. Tables ranged along the sides of two rooms were covered with gifts of every imaginable kind that could be deemed appropriate to the occasion.

The bridegroom and his mother, Baroness de Rothschild, presented the bride with jewels of rare and costly beauty, which were the central attraction of the principal table. A diamond tiara shone resplendently above the group. Beneath it, the offering of the Baroness, was a pearl necklace of four rows, accompanied by brooches, clasps, pendants, and studs, adapted for various changes of arrangement, the stones being all of great value. Two sapphires, of intensely deep colour, a large centre-pearl, and a pear-shaped drop pearl, of perfect shape, were among them; and the diamonds were of important size and the first water. To the right of these jewels a magnificent suite of emeralds, the gift of Baron Ferdinand, held a prominent place.

Baron and Baroness Alphonse sent splendid presents, both to bride and bridegroom; Baron Charles, of Frankfort, was the donor of two large silver waiters; and Baron Adolphe and most of the Rothschild family hastened to testify their affectionate congratulations and good wishes. Sir Moses Montefiore presented the bride with jewellery of sumptuous elegance.

Lord Beaconsfield's offering was a golden dish, of exquisite design. Handsome cups, tankards, and services of plate are presented by "Friends hunting in the Vale of Aylesbury," and by "The Clerks at New Court," these last having given a silver-gilt dinner service of remarkable richness and grace of design. The presents of Lord Beaumont and Mr. and Mrs. C. Flower are among those of note. An oxidised silver centre-piece and two end-pieces, supporting engraved glass bowls, constitute the wedding souvenir which has been presented by members of Tattersall's, together with an illuminated and emblazoned address of felicitation. Tenants, tradesmens, stewards, and servants at Gunnersbury Park, Ascott Farm, and various other estates of the Rothschilds, have helped to swell the voluminous list of marriage-offerings. A background to the principal blaze of jewels is formed by a graceful trophy of fans, some of them old and rare, others of the most artistic modern design, material, and workmanship. Caskets, books, liqueur-cases, paper-knives of tortoiseshell and carved ivory, jewelled walking-sticks, parasols, riding and driving whips, clocks, and countless objects of ornament and use complete the display, which has been viewed by hundreds of visitors.

GREAT FLOOD IN SOUTH LONDON.

The storm of wind and snow on Tuesday caused the River Thames to swell considerably. At one o'clock the wind, which was blowing from the east, caused the strong flood to flow with considerable velocity; but it was not till a quarter past two o'clock in the afternoon that any fear was entertained that the waters would overlap the wharves' frontages along Bankside and Upper Ground-street, Blackfriars-road. At that time the tide had only reached 2 ft. below Trinity high water mark at London Bridge. It was then running up at the rate of five knots an hour, and, owing to the frozen state of the river, the water was much swollen, especially at a quarter to three, when it rose at the rate of 4 ft. 8 in. per hour. At five minutes to three o'clock the frontage of the river at Bankside was inundated, and shortly after a lamentable scene was witnessed in Princes-square, Commercial-road, Stamford-street. At this spot some hundreds of people reside, in and near the square, which is very low. The water, carrying large boulders of ice, was seen rushing down from Messrs. Davey and Co.'s Wharf, as well as from Rosher's Wharf. The tide, which was still running strongly, forced the water into the main thoroughfares, inundating the dwellings of the poorer classes. At half-past three o'clock the tide had reached four feet above Trinity high water mark at Blackfriars Bridge. Fortunately the landing pier belonging to the Thames Conservancy had been removed. At Messrs. N. Saxby's, Blackfriars Bridge Wharf, the tide was running into Upper Ground-street like a sluice, inundating the lower basements of Messrs. Ransom's Wharf, of 225, Upper Thames-street. Tuesday afternoon's tide is the highest ever recorded in the River Thames. Owing to the intense cold, the distress amongst the poor, whose homes are inundated, is great.

The enormous sale of HORNIMAN'S PURE TEA by some 4000 Agents (Chemists, &c.) at once testifies to the high approval it has realised for its combinedly strong, delicious, and invigorating qualities.—[ADVT.]

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Sports and Pastimes.

THE SKATING SEASON.

THE remarkably sharp frost which set in last week has been hailed as a boon by the active and healthy portion of the community who delight in skating. Seeing the vast numbers who have ventured on the Serpentine in Hyde Park, it has been difficult to repress the fear that with the thaw might possibly come a repetition of the appalling collapse which sent numbers of sliders and skaters to a watery grave in Regent's Park not so very many years ago. Why, why will not the Board of Works see that the ornamental waters are reduced to a safe depth on the eve of every frost? Year after year, we repeat this query. We do trust now that the new Chief Commissioner will repair the omission of his Conservative predecessor.

Many of the frozen lakes and ponds of the metropolis (in the teeth of a nipping wind—and of the perilous depth of the waters, the frozen surface of which has been thronged) have been the scenes of much gaiety, both during the daylight and when wintry night-fall has lent seasonable effect to a torchlight fair. At noon on Saturday the ice in St. James's Park was thrown open; and about 8000 persons enjoyed the pastime of skating and sliding. About 20,000 persons went on the fine sheet of water in the Regent's Park on Saturday; and out of that vast number not more than thirty sustained such injuries as cuts and bruises, which were attended to at the society's marquee. While the Broad Water and other parts of the ornamental lake in this park were crowded, especially at the edge, where skate-men plying for jobs combine with venders of peppermint lozenges and other refreshment in forming an almost impassable barrier, the Fellows of the Botanic Society and their friends had a quieter time on the pretty little lake which is one of the ornamental features of those delightful gardens inclosed by the inner circle. Different as was the scene, surveyed from the mound or from either of the rustic bridges, to the fairy-like picture which is presented by this piece of water, when it is illuminated on the occasion of a summer night's fête, the *coup d'œil* was, if less weird and striking, at all events more animated. Adjacent to the Botanic are the grounds of the Toxophilite Society, whose patience for a term of years, during which they waited long and longingly for good freezing weather, was rewarded. Their artfully submerged lawn was well frozen over; and rinking thereupon was indulged in by a select party. At Battersea Park, the ladies' pond, which has the reputation of being deep enough to drown any giant of modern times, with a tall man on his shoulders, was on Saturday safely frozen over with ice four inches thick, and was numerously attended on Saturday and Sunday. Seven thousand persons were on the ice of Finsbury Park on Saturday, the first day of practicable skating there; and the number increased on Sunday. There were a few casualties, which were mostly from "cannoning." The lakes and ponds of the Crystal Palace and Alexandra Palace grounds afforded excellent practice with no risk of immersion. Large crowds of skaters and sliders invaded Clapham-common, as many as 8000 persons having gone upon the ice on Saturday and Sunday. The number of skaters and sliders on the ice in the Royal parks and other pieces of water near London last Monday was roughly computed at 100,000, 20,000 of whom went on the Serpentine, which is now in splendid condition. The official reports sent in to the Receiving-house on Monday evening were as follow:—"Clapham-common, 17,000 skaters and sliders. Finsbury Park, about 9000; ice 4½ in. thick. Hampstead-heath, about 5000. Welsh Harp, Hendon, about 2500. Regent's Park, about 14,000; no accidents of a serious nature, ice in excellent condition. St. James's Park, about 8000; several serious accidents to persons, who had to be removed to the hospitals by the police; three immersions. Hyde Park, about 20,000 on the Serpentine, 15,000 on the Long Water, and 8000 on the Round Pond. Numerous accidents occurred during the day through severe falls and collisions. Wimbledon Park, skaters and sliders about 8000." Upwards of 12,000 persons also went on the ice in Battersea Park. On Monday night between nine and ten o'clock there were at least 5000 persons on the Serpentine, the skating being carried on by torchlight.

SKATING RACES.

Under the auspices of the National Skating Association, the second annual competition for the professional championship of England was brought off last Saturday at Crowland-in-the-Washes before a vast gathering of spectators. The course was a mile and a half, with three turns. The ice was in splendid condition, and perfectly sound, whilst hardly any wind prevailed. There was a numerous entry of competitors, and the result proved "Fish Smart" once more winner of the championship. His time in the final heat was 5 min. 58 2-1 sec., and he also accomplished the fastest time during the meeting—namely, in his heat with H. Carter, of Welney, whom Fish Smart defeated in 5 min. 23 4-5 sec. Fish Smart thus holds the championship for the second year in succession.

The Amateur Championship of England race came off at Grantchester, Cambridge, last Monday in the presence of a very large company. In the amateur race Norman skated well, and for the second year won the championship. Webber, the Tebbutts, and Rolph also skated in good form. In the Open race the champion, Fish Smart, skated in his well-known form and won. Dr. Moxon was starter, and Mr. Neville Goodman acted as judge. The only important feature in the first round of the amateur race was that Rolph made good time—viz., 5 min. 49 4-5 sec. In the second round Lamb and Warnes ran a dead heat, but on running it off they decided to skate half way, when Warnes won. In the third round Norman defeated Louis Tebbutt by ten yards in the fastest time for amateurs—viz., 5 min. 42 2-5 sec.; and in the deciding course Norman beat Webber by twelve yards. There was some fine racing in the Fens Race. Dewsberry beat Carter by two yards, Harrison beat Young easily, Jarman was too good for Bone, and the Champion easily defeated Watkinson. In the second round a very fine finish took place between Harrison and Dewsberry, the former winning by six inches. After "Fish" Smart had beaten his brother, he skated Harrison for the deciding course, and won anyhow by one hundred yards. The fastest time of the day was made by the champion, who did the 1½ mile in 5 min. 20 2-5 sec.

The race for the Sculling Championship and £500 a side, which was to have been rowed last Monday afternoon from Putney to Mortlake, between Edward Hanlan, of Toronto, and Elias C. Laycock, of Sydney, New South Wales, was unavoidably postponed in consequence of the quantity of ice in the river; and has been duly put off until four o'clock on Saturday, the 22nd inst. At two o'clock on Monday the whole river at Putney was covered with huge masses of floating ice, and it would have been utterly impossible for the scullers to venture afloat with safety. A screw-tug, bringing up a couple of barges, was enabled to drive a way through the ice-floes; but no paddle-wheel steamer could have effected the journey up river, and smaller craft dared not venture out.

David Godwin, of Battersea, and John Anderson, of Hammersmith, sculled the full championship course from Putney Aqueduct to the Ship at Mortlake last Saturday, for £50 a side. Godwin is a sculler now in his prime, whilst Anderson, who is forty-four years of age, has seen his best day. In the betting Godwin started favourite with 5 to 2 on him. These odds were fully justified by the result. A capital start was effected, but Godwin quickly drew to the front, and at the Creek led by three lengths. At Hammersmith Godwin was still two lengths to the good, and, pulling well within himself, eventually passed the post an easy winner by three boat lengths. Time, 26 min.

Laycock sought a seaside resort when the frost became too trying at Putney; but returned in time to take part in the match on Monday had the ice not prevented the contest from taking place. The Canadian champion was harder. On Saturday Hanlan got afloat in his Jewitt just before the race between Godwin and Anderson was set to commence, and paddled about the river until the opponents were sent on their way. Then, keeping well clear of the contestants, he rowed slightly ahead of them to the Soap Works, when he eased up and allowed the rearmost man to pass him. From this point he accompanied the race as far as the top of Chiswick Eyot, sculling in beautifully finished style, and having apparently very little difficulty indeed in keeping up with the competitors. Indeed, he stopped once or twice, allowed the oarsmen to get two or three lengths ahead, and then rushed up level again in splendid form.

The *Sportsman* of Tuesday said:—"Failing a race on Saturday, and should it be Monday or Tuesday before it is rowing, the probability is that the men will agree to row down instead of up river—that is, from Mortlake to Putney, as the flood tides are at very inconvenient hours."

A double-sculling match between Sadler, the ex-Champion, and Wootton, of Eel Pie notoriety, against Dick Hammerton and George Lee, took place on Saturday, from Teddington Lock to the Eel Pie Island steps. Lee and Hammerton kept ahead for the first two hundred yards, when the ex-Champion led them, and ultimately won by nine lengths.

Wallace Ross returns home with Hanlan, but, after having had a great several of the American Spring meetings, he will return to England, as he is particularly anxious to row Boyd.

The Cambridge Hall of Varieties, Bishopsgate, was crowded to excess last Monday evening on the occasion of a complimentary benefit being given to George Drewitt, the aquatic trainer. Drewitt has been for some time past in indifferent health; and £100 was given to start a subscription, which was largely increased by Monday's benefit.

Two matches, for £200, were agreed to on Saturday night at Mr. M'Kendrick's, Black Bull Inn, Newcastle, between John Hawdon, of Dolaval, and Henry Atkinson, of the Felling (late of Elswick).

Footballers were not to be discouraged by last Saturday's frost. Lancashire v. Glasgow.—The above Association match was played at Darwen on Saturday, in the presence of about 800 spectators. In the last portion of the game the Scotchmen completely penned their opponents, and won by nine goals to one. The ground was covered with snow. Sheffield Wednesday v. Lockwood Brothers.—These clubs played their fourth tie for the Challenge Cup on Saturday, at Sheffield, when the Wednesday Club won easily by six goals to one. Staffordshire Challenge Cup.—Aston Villa v. Fenton.—These clubs met to decide their match in the second round for this Cup at Birmingham on Saturday, when Aston Villa were victorious by fourteen goals to nothing.

A sunny, inviting morning induced a large assembly to gather last Sunday on the Nice racecourse. Many of the notabilities from Cannes and Monaco were again present. The principal handicap, the Grand Prize of Nice, for which five horses started, was won by Boufflers, belonging to M. Edmond Blanc, of Monte Carlo, who was warmly congratulated on his success.

C. Maidment, who has been seriously indisposed, has gone to winter at Weymouth.

A sad accident happened on the 14th inst. at Aldermaston, Berkshire. Mr. Daniel Higford Burr, of Aldermaston House, was out shooting with a party of friends. His foot slipped, and, as he endeavoured to recover himself, his gun went off. Some of the shot lodged in the head of a lad named Fisher, killing him on the spot. Captain Wyld, of The Firs, Mortimer, was wounded, but not seriously. The lad was son of the gardener at The Firs, and had been engaged by Captain Wyld to carry his cartridge-bag.

An Australian contemporary, in welcoming the cricketers home, expresses its regret that the financial results of their cricketing campaign in this country have not been more satisfactory.

The cold weather on Saturday last had a prejudicial effect upon the attendance at the Gun Club, both of members and the public, and only seven gentlemen competed for the Wednesday and Saturday cup, value £30, to which was added a handicap sweepstakes of three sovs each, at nine birds each, those missing three to retire. The shooting was not of a brilliant character, and on the conclusion of the ninth round Mr. Fouries (25 yards rise), who killed eight out of nine, was declared the winner of sixteen guineas, and became the holder of the cup.

Between 1200 and 1300 dogs were entered for the Alexandra Palace Dog Show. The principal classes were made up as follow:—27 bloodhounds, 84 mastiffs, 91 St. Bernard's, 22 Newfoundlands, 22 deer-hounds, 42 pointers, 92 setters, 53 retrievers, and nearly 100 spaniels, including a good entry for the best team. Fox-terriers were, as usual, very strong classes, and numbered altogether 180, including 50 wire-haired ones. Dachshunds numbered 52, but Bassets showed a slight falling off, as only 11 entered. Sheep dogs seemed as popular as ever. Then there were—Pomeranians (9) and poodles (11), both small classes; but the bull dogs and bull terriers were both about up to the usual standard of numbers—16 of the former breed and 32 of the latter. Bedlingtons numbered 12, Irish terriers 32, black-and-tan terriers 36, including one class of 25, Skyes 17, Scotch terriers 12, dandies 23, pugs 50, toy spaniels 20, toy terriers 14, and 32 litters of puppies.

The Waterloo Cup continued to provoke but languid speculation in London on Monday, odds of 10 to 1 being still offered on the field, while Messrs. Hinks and Swinburne each touched 100 to 6. There was most money forthcoming, however, for Mr. Pilkington's nomination, which found favour at 1000 to 40 and 500 to 20. For the Guineas odds of 5 to 1 were again accepted concerning Bal Gal—the only other candidates mentioned for this event being Town Moor and Wandering Nun. Closing prices:—

WATERLOO CUP.

10 to 1 agst Lord Haddington's nomination (o)
100 to 6 —— Mr. Hinks's nomination (t and o)
100 to 6 —— Mr. Swinburne's nomination (t and o)
25 to 1 —— Mr. Pilkington's nomination (t)
33 to 1 —— Lord Anglesey's nomination (t and w)
40 to 1 —— Mr. Dana's nomination (t and o)
60 to 1 —— Mr. R. G. Graham's nomination (t)

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

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10 to 1 —— Town Moor (t)

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1000 to 15 agst Barrett (t)

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THE SKATING SEASON: HER FIRST LESSON.

[SEE "SPORTS AND PASTIMES."]

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

What a day we're having I have to crave indulgence for appearing in the furs I had intended to wear in running down to Herefordshire for a sleigh-drive with my genial friend, Captain Mayne Reid, more power to him! I remembered my duty to this Show; and forewent my visit. Twenty-seven degrees of frost; railways blocked by snow; everybody who can toddle skating or sliding on the frozen waters of the metropolis; the Champion sculling-race between Hanlan and Laycock impossible on the river of ice; the water supply stopped, and kitchen boilers bursting: now is the winter of an Englishman's discontent made glorious summer! He has got the weather to talk about; and his tongue thaws. Thaws! I should say, in dwelling with gusto upon each change in the temperature, he becomes as garrulous as—well, as garrulous as an Irish Home-Ruler!

Yes; we've returned to the Glaisher epoch with a vengeance. The Bitter cold of our English Arctic Winter makes Commander Cheyne satisfied with Primrose Hill in lieu of the North Pole; reconciles her Royal Highness Princess Louise to her forthcoming return to chilly Canada—and the warm embrace of her forlorn Marquis; and compensates her Majesty Queen Victoria for her enforced exile, owing to stress of weather, in the Isle of Wight.

Whilst we are at Osborne, we may as wel lventilate John Brown's little joke. It was launched in this way.

Her Majesty was tempted one morning to go sleighing over the snow-clad roads—to recover from the coolness of a minority of her "faithful Commons," who are, at the instigation of Mr. Charles Stewart Parnell, such an unconscionably long time in replying to what it is still the custom to call the "Queen's Speech." "What is the matter with the Commons, John?" her Majesty is reported to have asked her trusty body-guard. Now, our gracious Queen likes a bit of pleasantry as well as anybody. So ye can guess she relished the point of John Brown's answer:—"I theenk they're Boycotting yer Majeesty!"

The political frost, Ladies and Gentlemen, has actually dared to penetrate the House of Lords. On the threshold of that sacred chamber behold not only my Lord Beaconsfield but also the estimable Liberal peer with the perennial smirk, Lord Fortescue, and a congenial group singing, "We've got no work to do-o-o-o-o! We are born legislators, and we've got no work to do-o-o-o-o!"

Ay; our hereditary lawmakers were one evening driven to such straits that they themselves solved in the most practical manner the riddle of What shall we do with them? All that was left of 'em after a somnolent sitting trooped to the Peers' Gallery in the House of Commons. And there they remained till the pangs of hunger called them to dinner. Why shouldn't they always sit in the Commons, and thus prove the needlessness of the Upper House? One, at least, would be sure of re-election to the Lower House: Lord Beaconsfield, to wit. It was an entertainment of itself to watch him as he grinned sardonically—Heavens, what a smile!—at the collapse of Lord Randolph Churchill; pecred down through his little spy-glass at "King Parnell"; and chaffed Earl Spencer on the bungling of Forster! But I was sincerely sorry to see his constant henchman, Monty Corry, alias Lord Rowton, looking so thin and peaky in the face as he sat behind his chief, guarding his precious and well-preserved person. Why depose that pet curl from the centre of the forehead, though, Dizzy?

Political Frost, bless ye! won't nip Parnell. Our cartoon, "Motion and Emotion," shows the issue of Mr. Parnell's own endeavour to trip up the Address to Her Majesty. Easily and glibly he went down the slide of Irish Obstruction—until the Division brought him temporarily to grief with the check of 435 to 57 votes. But Parnell was up again in a minute. He pulls so many Jacks-in-the-Box by their strings that he had no difficulty on Monday in jerking up Mr. Justin M'Carthy, who, in his turn, had no scarcity of followers, to expatiate at the wrong time on the Irish grievances, which the Government are only too anxious to remove. What 's the remedy? Pon my word, I see no other way out of the difficulty than to give Mr. Speaker Brand the power to put a giant extinguisher—call it the *clôture*, if preferable—over the head of Mr. Parnell or any other member utterly irreconcilable to Reason.

What is the political compared with the great social frost, however? Imagine the sufferings of the young troubadour, who may nightly have had to trudge through the snow up Highgate Hill to serenade his coy inamorata? Picture to yourself "Endymion" frozen out! Conjure up the spry old maiden, pushing back her frilled nightcap, whilst she gaily trolls out "There's a good time coming, boy; only wait a little longer!" in response to the lay of "Endymion" (air obvious):—

Cold falls the snow to-night;
And from her lattice height
Sings my ripe lady bright,
While toes are tingling!
Who would not rather be
Wooed by rich L. S. D.,
Than drag out drearily
This chill existence?

Cheer up, Endymion. Valentine's Day may see the wedding brought off yet.

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A LOOK ROUND.

LONDON'S SNOWSTORM.

A more violent snowstorm than that which raged in London on Tuesday morning has not been witnessed for many years. The wind, which had been boisterous all night, blew a hurricane from due east, bringing with it snow and sleet which were almost blinding. The snowstorm quite bewildered travellers through Hyde Park. The effect of the storm was visible in the leafless branches stripped from the trunks of the trees. Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, at an early hour there were some skaters, amongst whom were a few ladies; but after ten o'clock the storm increased to such an extent that they were obliged to retire.

THE IRISH MAIL TRAIN

from Holyhead for Euston was snowed up at Aber, near Bangor, last Monday night. By great exertions, however, the snow was at last cleared away sufficiently to enable the train to resume its journey at 7.30 on Tuesday morning. Along portions of the line in Wales the snow was from four to six feet deep.

RYDE

was visited by a terrific storm on Monday and Tuesday, accompanied by snow. Two large colliers, the Havelock and the John Ward, were blown against the new iron railway pier, which has just been erected, and carried away about 200 ft. of that structure. Business was entirely suspended, and the streets were filled with snow-banks.

BRIGHTON.

An unprecedented snowstorm raged in Brighton also on Tuesday. Many houses were completely blocked up, traffic in the streets was stopped, and the Brighton line snowed up as far as Three Bridges. The trains were obliged to return.

SNOW FELL HEAVILY IN PARIS

last Monday night. At Nimes more snow has fallen than has been known for ten years, and wolves from the Cévennes are prowling about the Department of the Gard.

HEAVY SNOWS

in the Wahsatch Mountains, Utah, have caused avalanches to fall on Alta and other mining villages along the Big and Little Cottonwood rivers, killing nine persons, while many had narrow escapes.

FATAL FIRE IN LAMBETH.

Last Monday night a fire broke out on the premises, 12, Pleasant-place, West-square, Lambeth, occupied by a Mr. Rook. It appears that some children had been playing with the fire in the first-floor front room, and by some means the contents of an adjoining cupboard caught fire. The smoke was so dense that two of the children—Alfred Rook, aged five, and Elizabeth Rook, seven, were suffocated before they could be extricated; and a third child, Thomas Rook, three, was badly burned.

STRANGE END TO A WEDDING PARTY.

At the Thames Police Court on Tuesday Arthur Steel, twenty-four, was charged on his own confession with being a deserter from the 5th Royal Irish Lancers. Police-Constable 344 H deposed to the prisoner giving himself up. He said he deserted in August, 1879, from Woolwich, that he had been married the previous day, and on going home to his bride's house had a row with his mother-in-law, and then made up his mind to give himself up at once. Prisoner was remanded for a week. The wife, a good-looking girl of nineteen, was in court, and appeared much affected at the turn affairs had taken. At his request, she was allowed to see her husband.

THE LORD MAYOR

presided last Monday night at the annual meeting of the Working Lads' Institute, which carries on its operations in Whitechapel. His Lordship referred to the important work accomplished by the promoters of this undertaking; and a like tribute was paid by Bishop Claughton, Sir E. H. Currie, and other speakers.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

Inquiries made by the Secretary of State for War, at the instance of Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., into the condition and administration of the Patriotic Fund, have resulted in the discovery of serious mismanagement; and the *Daily Telegraph* understands that amongst other steps shortly to be taken will be the permanent closing of the Boys' School.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

A couple of servant girls, in the house of a farmer at Sherborne, Dorset, took a charcoal stove to their bed-room on Saturday night, and were found the next morning, one of them, aged twenty-two, and named Osmond, dead, and the other almost insensible. When the jury went to view the body on Monday, one of them, a grocer, named Down, an elderly man, fell down in the bed-room, and died instantly.

PROGRESS IN THE MIDLANDS.

Mr. Mundella, Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education, on Monday opened a large industrial school near Leicester, erected by the School Board of that town at a cost of £20,000. The school will accommodate 150 boys, and is intended to meet the requirements of that part of the Midlands.

ATTEMPTED WIFE MURDER AT PLYMOUTH.

Early on Tuesday morning shrieks of "Murder!" were heard proceeding from a fruit shop, at the corner of Athenæum-lane, occupied by a person named Morton. The police demanded admission, and upon entering found that Mrs. Morton had been seriously stabbed over the left breast, and was almost unconscious from loss of blood. She stated that her husband had stabbed her, and he was arrested.

The woman was the widow of a commercial traveller, and made the acquaintance of the prisoner, who is well connected, when he was in the Army. She bought his discharge and married him, but he has turned out an idle spendthrift, and twelve months ago his wife obtained a separation from him in consequence of his brutal treatment. She, however, consented to live with him again.

AFFRAY ON BOARD SHIP.

Captain Jones, of the ship Superior, from Moulmein, arrived at Scilly, on Monday, reports that on Dec. 13, in latitude 12 N., long. 26 W., a barque was sighted flying signals of distress. On a boat being sent, the vessel was found to be the barque Petunia, of London, from Swansea for Algoa Bay. A Russian sailor on board had attacked some of the crew and seriously wounded the captain, mate, and three of the crew, who had attempted to secure him. He then took refuge in the hold. The mate of the Superior and his men went down to arrest him, when he attacked them furiously with an iron bar, and the mate was compelled to fire at him. He was then secured and put in irons.

MASSACRES BY SOUTH SEA ISLANDERS.

Advices just received from Sydney state that two more massacres of white men have taken place. One occurred in Brooker Island, where Captain Foreman, of the schooner Anne Brooks, and his crew were murdered. Captain Foreman had been on a Beche-de-Mer fishing expedition for the previous five months, and at the time of the outrage his vessel had on a board a valuable cargo of these shells. The men were set upon by the savages, who, as usual, surprised them, and all of them, ten in number, were barbarously murdered, and the vessel and cargo were destroyed.

The second massacre was at James's Bay, Moresty Island. A party of five French naturalists had been on an exploring tour, and had collected some very valuable specimens. They were attacked by the natives, and were all killed, and their specimens and the boat they had with them destroyed.

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